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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

FERGUSON, MARK W.J.

Examiner

Robert Landsman

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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 07 June 2005.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 11-17 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☒ Claim(s) 11, 12 and 15-17 is/are allowed.
- 6) ☐ Claim(s) 13 and 14 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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DETAILED ACTION

1. Formal Matters

- A. The Amendment dated 6/7/05 has been entered into the record.
- B. Claims 11-17 are pending and are the subject of this Office Action.
- C. All Statutes under 35 USC not found in this Office Action can be found, cited in full, in a previous Office Action.

2. Priority

- A. The claim to Foreign Priority has been confirmed as seen in parent application 09/011,027.

3. Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112, first paragraph - enablement

- A. The rejection of claims 11-17 under 35 USC 112, first paragraph, has been withdrawn in view of Applicants' amendment to the claims to remove the term "fragments" and to add the limitation recommended by the Examiner.

4. Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112, first paragraph – written description

- A. The rejection of claims 11-17 under 35 USC 112, first paragraph, has been withdrawn in view of Applicants' amendment to the claims to remove the term "fragments" and to add the limitation recommended by the Examiner.

- B. Claims 13 and 14 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, as failing to comply with the written description requirement. The claim(s) contains subject matter which was not described in the specification in such a way as to reasonably convey to one skilled in the relevant art that the inventor(s), at the time the application was filed, had possession of the claimed invention. The claims recite "compositions for promoting the healing of wounds with reduced scarring" and "compositions for promoting the healing of chronic wounds." These are genus claims. Applicants have not provided adequate written description of any compound meeting the limitations of these claims. No species are described, or structurally contemplated, within the instant specification. Therefore, one skilled in the art cannot reasonably visualize or predict the compounds which would structurally characterize this genus of compounds; thereby not meeting the written description requirement under 35 USC 112, first paragraph.

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5. Obviousness-Type Double Patenting

A. The rejection of claim 11-17 under the judicially created doctrine of double patenting has been withdrawn in view of Applicants' filing a Terminal Disclaimer over U.S. Patent 6,387,364.

6. Conclusion

A. No claim is allowable.

Advisory information

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Robert Landsman whose telephone number is (571) 272-0888. The examiner can normally be reached on T-F 10 AM – 7 PM (eastern).

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Brenda Brumback can be reached on 571-272-0961. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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